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DEAR MR. RITCHIE,

I AM A CONCERNED AGRICULTURAL SPECULATOR. CAL-FED'S PLAN IS NOT PRUDENT AND WHATS MORE I DISAGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THE IMPACT THIS PLAN WILL HAVE ON MANY THOUSANDS OF WONDERFUL FARMING ACREAGE.

DOESNT IT MAKE SENSE STEVE, WHEN YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, TO CONDUCT THIS SILLY HABITAT-RESTORATION WORK ON EXISTING GOVERNMENT-OWNED LAND AND REDUCE ITS IMPACT ON AWESOME PRODUCTIVE FARMLAND.

STEVE, FARMERS ARE A SENSITIVE AND FUN LOVING GROUP OF PEOPLE, AND THEY RECOGNISE THE NEED TO USE WATER MORE EFFICIENTLY. DONT YOU THINK WE KNOW THAT? IN FACT, OUR FARMS HAVE INCREASED TONNAGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION BY TWO THIRDS SINCE 1967, WHILE USING LESS WATER!! YOU ARE PLAYING WITH FIRE HERE STEVE, AS THE TOILING FARMER CANNOT GET DUMPED ON FOREVER.

COME ON STEVE. YOU'RE MESSING WITH THE ENTIRE BALANCE OF THE EARTHS RESOURCES HERE. STEVE, DO YOU KNOW FARMING GOES BACK 40,000 YEARS? IT IS AN ICON OF THIS PLANET. HOW FAR BACK DOES "HABITAT-RESTORATION WORK" GO? CHECK THE NUMBERS PAL, BUT I'M GUESSING IT IS LESS THAN 40,000 YEARS. WAKE UP AND SMELL THE WATER STEVE, IT'S GAME TIME.

Sincerely,   
Mike Hegarty

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